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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have no idea about the Russian method account. Perhaps the hon. Members opposite may be able to enlighten me on that."

Number of wells sunk in North Arcot district.

* 497 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri D. Dasarathan is not in his place. The answer to this question will be printed in the official proceedings."

SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of wells constructed by the Government in the North Arcot district during the year 1953 (Rural Water-supply Scheme and the Harijan Welfare Department);

(*b*) how many of them are bore-wells and how many of them are working properly; and

(*c*) the amount spent during the year 1953 for repairing the bore-wells?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The number of wells sunk in North Arcot district during 1953 is 136 (including one bore-well) under the Rural Water-supply Scheme and 10 under the Harijan Welfare Scheme.

(*b*) In 1953, only one bore-well was sunk up to a depth of 44 feet, and as there was no copious supply of water, the work was ordered to be stopped.

" (*c*) The amount spent during 1953 for the maintenance of the bore-wells in the district is Rs. 10,679–4–6."

Assignment of lands to Vettuvakottai Co-operative Society.

* 498 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to bring under cultivation 160 acres of Government poramboke through Vettuvakottai Co-operative Society (Tanjore district, Pattukkottai taluk) by associating 240 landless poor people;

(*b*) if so, whether the land has been assigned in the name of Vettuvakottai Co-operative Society and distributed to its members for reclamation on long-term lease; and

(*c*) if not, what are the reasons for the delay?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The Vettuvakottai Land Reclamation Co-operative Society has sent up proposals to the Registrar of Co-operative Society for the assignment of Government waste lands measuring 163·58 acres in its favour for being sub-leased to 234 members who are landless poor persons.

" (*b*) Lands have not yet been assigned.

"(c) Some persons in unauthorized occupation of the lands applied for by the society, petitioned to the Collector for the assignment of the lands to themselves. Pending disposal of these petitions, the proposal of the society could not be finalized and this accounts for the initial delay. The eligibility of the persons selected by the society for the allotment of lands with reference to the lands already owned by them is also under investigation. This accounts for the present delay."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" நீண்ட நாட்களாக இந்த விஷயம் தாமதப்பட்டிருப்பதால் அங்கு தாங்களே முயற்சி செய்து உற்பத்தியைப் பெருக்க முன்வரக்கூடிய விவசாயிகளுக்கு உற்சாகம் குன்றிவிடுகிறது. ஆகவே வெட்டுவக்கோட்டை கூட்டுறவு சங்கத்திற்கு நிலத்தைக் கொடுப்பதற்கும் அதன் மூலம் விவசாயிகளுக்கு வழங்குவதற்கும் சர்க்கார் உடனடியாக கவனம் செலுத்துவார்களா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have given this House the reasons for the delay. As soon as those difficulties are removed, we shall proceed ahead."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Are the 'unauthorized' trespassers into these lands making a bid for those lands in a court of law ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No, Sir. They petitioned to the Collector for assignment to themselves."

SRI S. VENKATRAMA AYYAR :—" Have the Government received representations from some ryots of the village for the grant of pattas to them in view of the fact that the Government had granted lease of such poramboke lands in the Grow More Food Campaign period, that is, in fasli 1354 and as they have reclaimed those lands at great cost in the last 8 or 9 years? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have no information with me now."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" Sir, பட்டா செய்வதில் கால தாமதம் ஏற்படுவது ஒருபுறமிருந்தாலும், பிரச்னையில் இருக்கக்கூடிய நிலமானது அந்தக் கூட்டுறவு சங்க அங்கத்தினர்கள் வசத்திலே இருக்கிறது. இது விஷயமாக சர்க்காருடைய கொள்கை என்ன வென்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன். நிலமில்லாத விவசாயிகளுக்கு இந்த நிலம் பட்டா செய்யப்படும் என்ற உத்தரவாதத்தை சர்க்கார் கொடுக்க முடியுமா என்று கேட்க விரும்புகிறேன் ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" As I said already, we are examining the eligibility of those persons in the society, who have asked for these lands to be assigned to them. This has been held up, because some other petition came before the Government. I cannot give an answer straightway unless the first question is settled. Unless the petition of those who were occupying the land, though unauthorizedly, is disposed of, how can we proceed with the second matter? "